

## Senior Issues Manhattan Community Board 9

**Date: September 5, 2023**

**Time: 11:00 AM**

**Location: 3295 Broadway and via Zoom**

Attendance: Co-Chairs: Walter T Alexander, Carlton Davis; Members: Lydia Gerson, Liz Eastman, Patricia Watler Johnson, Francina Waring. Attendees: Alicia Barksdale, Will Haggis (George Bruce Library), Victor Edwards, Gail Powell, Deirdre McIntosh Brown, Cora Gilmore, Clotilde Monguya, Eddy Antoine,

- I. Call to Order Quorum established at 11:07 AM
- II. Adopt Agenda Lydia Gerson made a motion to open the meeting
- III. Approval of Agenda: Chair Alexander asks for a motion to accept the agenda for this month's meeting.
- IV. New Member Introduction: Liz Eastman, Patricia Watler Johnson, Francina Waring
- V. **Presenter: Sulain Gomez, Friendly Visiting Program (FVP)**
  - a. FVP offers services to the elderly of all ages. Companionship via video calls, via telephone, as well as in-person Visits.
  - b. Volunteers are needed!!! Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.
    1. All volunteers are carefully screened
    2. May be of benefit for those applying to college to indicate service in FYP
  - c. FVP is funded by the Department of Aging
- VI. Medicare Advantage
  - a. Mayor Adams is attempting to force NYC Public Service retirees into privatized Medicare.
  - b. Medicare Advantage is a profit driven enterprise
  - c. The NYC Public Service Retiree Association has organized to fight this
    - i. They have already won one legal battle
      1. Mayor Adams was blocked from the attempt to force retirees into
- VII. New Business-Motion was made to change the Committee's name to Senior Action Committee. Seconded and approved. Walter Alexander will submit the proposal at the next Executive Committee Meeting

VIII. Old Business- none.

Motion to Close. Next meeting is October 5, 2023 at 11am via hybrid format.

Respectfully submitted by Lydia Gerson